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The rumors of the shifts that were to be made in ORR have finally materialized. [REDACTED] is moving to the DD/I's office. I have moved into his position. [REDACTED] has become Chief of the Staff, with [REDACTED] as Deputy, and [REDACTED] has gone on rotation to work with [REDACTED]. I am looking forward to a new type of assignment in assuming the role of Special Assistant. The position should allow me considerably more contact with the intelligence production problems than I have had in the past.

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Upon reviewing the correspondence received from our foreign personnel, I noted that during the orientation phase of your assignment you have communicated little with this office. Your latest memorandum of 23 August provides a good starting point for regular reporting. It strikes me, knowing you as well as I do, that [REDACTED] has been able to determine in a very short time your best faculty, that is, patience in the guidance of individuals in their research efforts. I recall your work with Major [REDACTED] back and expect you will enjoy the first part of your assignment very much. I am most pleased about the evidences that you are very well received and that you are located at the proper level in [REDACTED]. I shall be most interested in as much detail as you can give of your specific assignments, the individuals you work with, the materials and sources employed and their value, and any general reactions you may have. You will recall that we talked about the development of a running diary, and insofar as possible, I would like to become completely briefed on your activity.

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From this end, I am interested in assuring that you get all materials that you may need in your new assignment. Therefore, as soon as possible would you send me a list of items which you feel will be valuable to you that we can dispatch. Further, I am rather anxious to keep you posted on the status of research being undertaken here. Have you a secure place for U.S. materials?

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[REDACTED] did extend your personal greetings to the Office and had fine and kind things to say about your acceptance by [REDACTED].

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I am glad to hear that you are settled in a good place and are enjoying the local sports. Please extend my kindest regards to your wife and family. Are your school problems for the children all settled? Would enjoy hearing from you on a personal note. Suggest you may want to write to [REDACTED].

Best regards,

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P.S. Do you have a copy of the Central Bank of the Republic of the Congo? If not, can you get me a copy? Thanks.